Ropeway mishap

4865. SHRIVUAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the Report submitted in 1993, after October, 1992 Parwanoo Ropeway accident, recommending measures to avoid recurrence of such incidents and were State Government advised accordingly and whether a similar Ropeway mishap on 19th of January, 2003 at Pavagadh in Gujarat, resulting in eight deaths, could have been avoided had these guidelines been followed; and

(b) whether any comprehensive guidelines exists regarding safe operation of Ropeway and are these adequate?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI ID SWAMI): (a) and (b) 'Ropeways' is a State subject as per item 13 of List-II in the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of India and, therefore, information regarding them is not maintained Centrally. No guidelines have been issued by Government of India for safe operation of ropeways.

Meeting of DPC

†4866. SHRI B.P SINGHAL : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have not been able to hold the meeting of Departmental Promotion Committee (DPC) for promotion of the officers of PCS cadre of 2001,2002 and 2003 to the IAS cadre due to which a feeling of extreme frustration, anger and insecurity has prevailed among the PCS officers of Uttar Pradesh and Uttaranchal; and

(b) if so, by when Government will hold the meeting of DPC?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) and (b) it is a fact that promotion of officers of the Provincial Civil Service (PCS) to IAS Cadre has not taken place in Uttar Pradesh and Uttaranchal since reorganisation of the erstwhile State of Uttar Pradesh. The orders for bifurcation of the PCS cadre between the successor States have been issued on 22-04-2003. The Selection Committee meetings can be convened to consider promotion of officers of Provincial Civil Service cadres of Uttar Pradesh and Uttaranchal to their respective IAS cadres from 2001 onwards on receipt of formal proposals from the respective State Governments.

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